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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: :
Douglas J. Robinson : Group: 1795
Serial No.: 10/520,955 :
Filed: 01/10/20052 : Examiner: Wilkins III, Harry D.
For: SPOUTED.. ELECTROWINNING :

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action of April 11, 2008, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 1 to 54, the only claims presented.

The Examiner has required restriction between claims 1 to 45 drawn to a cell element, claims 46 to 49 drawn to an array of cells and claims 50 to 54 drawn to an electrowinning method as not being drawn to a single invention under PCT rules. The Examiner has further required an election of a single species between fabric diaphragm and coated diaphragms.